

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)
TOPIC Military Information from Wittenberg and Dessau-Rosslau

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. On 14 September 1951, the hutment on Nordendstrasse in Wittenberg (N 52/E 37) was occupied by a small guard detail of Soviet troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The low wooden barracks buildings of the hutment were dilapidated. (1)

2. On 17 and 18 September, the Tauentzien Kaserne in Wittenberg was occupied by only a rear detail of soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. Only a few rooms on the ground floor were lighted at nightfall. No vehicular traffic was noticed. (2) The cantonment on Nordendstrasse was only partly occupied; its sentry wore black service color. (1) The Plak Kaserne was only partially occupied, and some officers and NCOs wore black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. No vehicles were seen at the installation. The Beseler Kaserne, too, was only partly occupied. Its approach road was criss-crossed by tank treads. Only a few trucks were in the garages, and no vehicular traffic was noticed. (2)

3. 25X1C air force personnel in the restricted area on Ernst Thaelmannstrasse. Several air force officers went to the railroad station to meet about 15 young girls who seemed to have come directly from the U.S.S.R. and were allegedly to replace discharged German employees. (3)

4. 25X1C with officers, tank trucks, 25X1C and trucks with the following numbers were identified in Wittenberg: (4)

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5. On the morning of 18 and 19 September, about 70 soldiers, wearing black-bordered black epaulets, were seen in the hutment on the Rosslau-Wittenberg road at Dessau-Rosslau (N 52/E 17). The barracks installations and hutments between the Rosslau-Luko and the Rosslau-Meinsdorf roads were partially occupied by troops. Sedan 25X1C ambulance 25X1C and trucks 25X1C were identified there. Trucks 25X1C and sedan 25X1C were identified in the town. (5)

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6. On 10 September, the Taunentzien Kaserne in Wittenberg appeared to quarter about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some of the LM quarters were being reconditioned. Trucks [REDACTED] were identified at the installation during a two-hour observation period. (1) The Brueckenkopf Kaserne was occupied by Soviet Air Force personnel. (6)

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Comments.

(1) The information is confirmed by a previous report of source of paragraph 6. [REDACTED] 25X1A

(2) The component units of the 6th Gds Tank Div from the billeting areas specified were confirmed by another source as having been in Camp Werder-Markendorf near Jueterbog until the middle of September 1951. [REDACTED] 25X1A

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[REDACTED] The occupation of the Taunentzien Kaserne, as specified in paragraph 6 [REDACTED] 25X1C

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[REDACTED] in July 1951. [REDACTED] It is therefore believed 25X1A that headquarters elements and a training unit of the division remained in the installation.

25X1C (3) [REDACTED] paragraph 6 stated that Soviet officers' families were billeted in the restricted area on Ernst Thaelmannstrasse. [REDACTED] 25X1A

(4) Most of the vehicles belong to the 6th Gds Tank Div, and 6 trucks to the air force.

(5) The vehicles observed include: 1 of the 7th Gds Mecz Div; 1 of the 9th Mecz Div; and 1 of a headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. [REDACTED] 25X1A

(6) [REDACTED] 25X1A

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